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APPLICANT: Louis-Philippe Vézina *et al.* EXAMINER:
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FOR: PROMOTER FOR REGULATING EXPRESSION OF FOREIGN GENES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, please consider the following amendment.

IN THE DISCLOSURE:

Page 1, line 2, please introduce the following paragraph:

A.1
This application is a continuation application of US Serial No. 09/678,303
filed on October 3, 2000.

Remarks

The Applicants amended the present application to relate this continuation application to its prior application.

Substantive examination of the application and of the claims is earnestly solicited.